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SUBJECT: UNGA CONSULTATIONS WITH SRI LANKA

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1. IN RECOGNITION OF SRI LANKA'S INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT
ROLE IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, WE BELIEVE MEETING
BETWEEN SECRETARY AND HEAD OF GSL UNGA DELEGATION WOULD BE
EXTREMELY USEFUL. AT THIS TIME, IT DOES NOT APPEAR
THAT DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY PERSON OF MINISTERIAL
RANK. NEVERTHELESS, WE HOPE SECRETARY CAN MEET
UN PERMREP SHIRLEY AMERASINGHE. AMERASINGHE IS
ONE OF MORE SENIOR AND ABLE PERMREPS,
AND HAS HAD EXPERIENCE AT NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS AND IS
SLATED TO ATTEND LIMA CONFERENCE. HE WAS ALSO
CHAIRMAN OF LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE. SRI LANKA ITSELF
IF CARRYING INCREASING WEIGHT IN LDC AND NON-ALIGNED
FORUMS IN THIS PERIOD LEADING UP TO ITS HOSTING OF
NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN COLOMBO IN AUGUST 1976. ON THE
WHOLE ITS GOVERNMENT HAS REMAINED ONE OF MORE
MODERATE AND APPROACHABLE ON ISSUES AFFECTING DC
AND WELL AS LDC INTERESTS.

2. TOPICS OF INTEREST TO GSL ARE: 1) METHODS
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MADE MORE RESPONSIVE TO NEEDS OF DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES; 2) NEED FOR COMMODITY AGREEMENTS FOR
SRI LANKA'S PRIMARY PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY TEA; AND
3) INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE ISSUED WHICH IS TILL
MAIN INITIATIVE OF THE GSL IN UN CONTEXT.

3. IN BORADER TERMS, WE BELIEVE SECRETARY COULD
HAVE PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION WITH AMERASINGHE ON
HOW TO CARRY FORWARD DIALOGUE BETWEEN DEVELOPED
AND DEVELOPING NATIONS. RECENT GSL VIEWS RE UN AND
U.S. RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONTAINED IN COLOMBO 2587.
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